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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Undertone steady at best on frozen hens and consumer sized toms. Buyer interest limited for the adequate to ample offerings. No trading reported. The weekly weighted averages for whole young turkeys were unchanged to lower, mostly lower when compared to last week and year ago prices. Market activity improved to fair to fairly good, mostly fair on bulk parts and meat items. Bulk meat trading centered on destrapped tenderloins at lower trending price levels and on frozen tom breast meat. Bulk parts trading centered on tom wings and fresh tom drums. Rib breast trading fair.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading improved on most items, with the exception of thigh meat, resulting in some industry members starting to express increased confidence in previously lackluster items. Trading centered on mechanically separated turkey and tom drums.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 04, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
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-	-
-	-

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-	-	-
-	-	-
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-	-	-
-	-	-

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-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JANUARY 05, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00**	64.50**	63.80**
CENTRAL REGION	61.00**	63.50**	62.50**
WESTERN REGION	63.00**	67.00**	63.80**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00**	61.50**	62.00**
CENTRAL REGION	60.63**	61.00**	60.90**
WESTERN REGION	61.00**	63.00**	62.30**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-JAN-2001

	HENS PRICE	LBS (000)	TOMS PRICE	LBS (000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	84.83	1914	76.83	1380
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	84.83	1914	76.83	1380
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

NOVEMBER	472,397*
DECEMBER 1-30, 2000	397,094*
To date 2000	5,320,967*
To date 1999	5,045,897*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-2000  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG	RSTR	BANDED		AVG
	HEAD	PW	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD—		WT
N EAST	416	-50	23.06	(A)	(A)	418	23.06
S ATL	354	-60	30.97	(A)	(A)	356	30.97
N CENT	1,116	-40	32.17	(A)	(A)	1,119	32.17
S CENT	288	-45	24.45	(A)	(A)	290	24.45
WEST	417	-31	23.36	(A)	(A)	419	23.36
U.S.TOTAL	2,591(B)-45		28.27	0	11	2,602	28.27
TO DATE							
2000	254,352(B)			166	1,276	255,794	
TO DATE							
1999	251,837(B)			55	1,946	253,838	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000 ; for the year 1,827,000; last year to date 795,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 30-Dec-2000

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	993	1,585	13	11	2,602
AVG WT	15.35	36.40	24.13	32.29	28.29
LAST WEEK	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
SAME WK YR AGO	5,103(B)		34	30	5,167
AVG WT	27.08(B)		24.91	26.87	27.06
TO-DATE/2000	252,691(B)		1,827	1,276	255,794
TO-DATE/1999	251,097(B)		795	1,946	253,838

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 4 JANUARY 2001.

The market was steady to barely steady on bulk meats, steadiest on boneless skinless breast meat. Most bulk parts were available, however, tom v-type wings and tom necks were in a closer position. Tom drumsticks were offered at lower trending prices with no trading reported. Less than trucklot trading noted on tails at 18 to 19 cents and breast trim at 112 to 120. Export activity was light.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00-105.00		102.43	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	24.00	85
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	21.00-24.00		22.21	126
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	148.20	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	151.94	360
THIGH MEAT		T	78.00	3
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	73.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	140.00		140.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	150.00	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.50		14.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	23.76	344
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	104
TAILS		W	17.90	248
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	77.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 5 JANUARY 2001.

Market activity increased and was moderate on meats, fair to fairly good on parts. The market tone on tom breast meat was steady, thigh meat moved at slightly lower trending prices. Fresh and frozen destrapped tenders were soft and traded in a lower trending range. Trading was active on tom full cut wings and fresh tom drumsticks, otherwise fair on bulk parts. Movement into export channels was moderate on drums and mechanically separated turkey, light on wings and tails.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	100.00		100.00	280	100.19	2,560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	94.00		94.00	200	93.11	360
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	10	23.68	95
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	22.00-23.00		22.13	320	22.13	320
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	80	22.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	640	21.09	743
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	80	27.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	34.00		34.00	80	34.00	80
NECKS, TOM	21.00-23.00		22.60	100	23.50	351
NECKS, HEN		W	17.00	40	17.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	148.00		148.00	320	148.08	520
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	52	152.67	472
THIGH MEAT	77.00		77.00	15	77.17	18
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00-73.00		72.14	70	72.14	70
BREAST TRIM MEAT	112.00-120.00		115.30	74	115.30	74
SCAPULA MEAT	112.50		112.50	40	112.50	40
TENDERLOINS		W	122.00	40	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00-140.00		135.40	200	136.17	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	142.00-150.00		143.43	224	146.27	384
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	55.50		55.50	40	55.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.00	130	18.75	690
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-23.00		22.14	364	22.93	708
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80	22.00	320
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	104	27.00	208
TAILS	21.00		21.00	20	18.13	268
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-20.00		18.35	616	18.20	696
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	77.00	80	77.00	80

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